

INTERVIEW SUMMARY
Work Assignment ES002
Lower Darby Creek Area Site

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Type of Interview: In-Person

Date of Interview: December 19, 2001

On December 19, 2001, the WITNESS was interviewed at his office by Michael McCloskey of Tri-State Enterprise. The WITNESS was interviewed as part of the potentially responsible party search currently being conducted under Work Assignment NO. ES-002 involving the Lower Darby Creek Area, Delaware County, PA (the "Site"). This interview focused on the Folcroft Landfill (Folcroft). The WITNESS was provided with a copy of the letter of introduction, advised of the nature of the questions to be asked and advised that the interview was voluntary. The WITNESS advised that he is not represented by an attorney in this matter and did not want an attorney. No other persons were present and this interview was not tape-recorded.

During the course of this interview, the WITNESS responded to questions based on guidelines provided by the United States Environmental Protection Agency for government employees.

The WITNESS was shown a map and an aerial photograph of the Site and this map and aerial photograph were used throughout the interview.

The WITNESS was asked to explain his association with the Folcroft Landfill.

The WITNESS stated that he was born and raised in the Folcroft area and has been a Folcroft Police Officer since 1977 and is currently the Folcroft Chief of Police.

The WITNESS stated that the Folcroft Landfill property was owned by Wilbur Henderson and that the Folcroft Landfill was owned by Wilbur Henderson and Bernie McNichol. He stated that the day-to-day management of the Folcroft Landfill was the responsibility of Ed Mullen. The WITNESS stated that Bernie McNichol passed away many years ago.

When asked if he was sure that Wilbur Henderson was active in the ownership and operation of the Folcroft Landfill, the WITNESS stated that he has observed Wilbur Henderson working on the Landfill. He indicated that in the 1970s the Folcroft Landfill had a fire that could not be extinguished and that he had observed Wilbur Henderson bringing in loads of dirt to place on this fire. The WITNESS identified the location of this fire on the enclosed aerial photograph and indicated that the fire was located east of Kisser Road.

The WITNESS stated that in the late 1960s Wilbur Henderson had attempted to get approval from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to put an access road in from I-95 to the Landfill. He indicated that his would have given waste transport trucks easy access to the Landfill. The WITNESS stated that in anticipation of the access road, Wilbur Henderson had constructed overhead road signs on Primos Road that were to be used to direct trucks to the Landfill. The WITNESS indicated that the poles for these overhead road signs are still up on Primos Road, but they were never used for their intended purpose. He further stated that Wilbur Henderson was unable to get approval for the access road.

The WITNESS was asked if he had any knowledge of the names of Individuals or Companies that disposed of waste on the Folcroft Landfill. The WITNESS stated that he was not on the Police Department when the Landfill was in use and did not have first hand knowledge of activities on the Landfill. The WITNESS stated that he was aware of and had observed heavy truck traffic going into the Landfill off of Calcon Hook road, however he does not recall any names of the companies or trash haulers that were disposing of waste on the Landfill.

When asked the names of individuals that may have knowledge of waste disposal activities on the Folcroft Landfill, the WITNESS provided the following.

- Ted Pasture: The WITNESS stated that Mr. Pasture was a Folcroft Police Officer during the time the Folcroft Landfill was in use.
- William Frame: The WITNESS stated that Bill Frame was a Police Officer in Folcroft during the time period the Folcroft Landfill was in use.
- Walt Armstead: The WITNESS stated that Armstead was a fireman during the time period the Folcroft Landfill was in use.
- Anthony Truscello: The WITNESS stated that Mr. Truscello is currently the Folcroft Borough Administrator and was a Judge in the area during the time period the Folcroft Landfill was in use.

"I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct."

Executed on _____
(Date)

Signed _____
Edward Christie

Interviewer's Comments and Suggested Follow-up Interviews

Interviewer Comments: The WITNESS was cooperative and forthcoming during this interview. Although he had no first hand knowledge of Landfill activities he indicated that the individuals named below will probably be of some help.

The WITNESS drove me to the area that the fire was located and indicated that this location was probably the last Landfill area used by the Folcroft Landfill.

The WITNESS is the first person to indicate that Wilbur Henderson had an active roll in the Landfill operation. Although the WITNESS indicated that he had not been on the Landfill property very often he indicated that Wilbur Henderson's involvement with the Landfill was more than the landlord.

While at the Folcroft Police Department, the WITNESS offered to introduce me to the Borough Administrator, Anthony Truscello. While I was asking Mr. Truscello for a few minutes of his time he indicated that I should speak to one of his clerks and introduced me to Thomas Varley. Mr. Truscello then walked away. Mr. Varley is the same individual that I had interviewed at his residence on December 13, 2001. Mr. Varley had indicated to me at that time that he was retired.

The fact that Mr. Varley currently works for the Folcroft Borough leads me to believe that he was not forthcoming during our interview. He indicated that he visited the Landfill two times each day for two years and had never observed commercial or industrial waste haulers on the Landfill. His employment with the Folcroft Borough would explain why he would not want to provide more information.

When asked if he wanted his name kept confidential to the extent possible, the WITNESS stated that he had no preference.

Suggested follow-up Interviews: The WITNESS provided the names of the following individuals that may have relevant knowledge of waste disposal practices at the Folcroft Landfill.

- Ted Pasture
- Walt Armstead
- Bill Frame

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